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This Amendment is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 17, 2006, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending April 17, 2006. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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